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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NASA AIRCRAFT

1. AS PART OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH STUDIES, NASA PLANS EIGHT (8) FLIGHTS 23 JULY THRU 12 AUGUST OVER WATERS OFF BARBADOS DURING 1976 TROPICAL DEPRESSION/HURRICANE SEASON. EXPERIMENT OBJECTIVE TO UNDERSTAND LONG WAVE/SHORT WAVE OCEAN INTERACTIONS INVOLVING MICROWAVE REMOTE SENSING OF SEA STATE AND SURFACE WIND VECTOR. NO SENSOR SYSTEMS TO BE OPERATED OVER ANY FOREIGN LAND MASS.

2. AIRCRAFT IS NASA OWNED AND OPERATED PUBLIC LAW NC-130B CARRYING NASA TAIL STRIP. CALL NUMBER NASA 929. TEN NASA EMPLOYEES WILL ACCOMPANY AIRCRAFT. ALL U.S. CITIZENS.

3. ONBOARD INSTRUMENTATION INCLUDES 13.9 GHZ RADIOMETER
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SCATTEROMETER - DUAL FREQUENCY SCATTEROMETER, LASER PRO-

FILER, AND ZEISS CAMERA. WILL OPERATE AT 10,000 FEET
ALTITUDE AND BELOW.

4. RESEARCH RESULTS ARE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.

5. TENTATIVE FLIGHT SCHEDULE:

DEPART U.S.; ARRIVE SEAWELL AERODROME, BRIDGETOWN,
BARBADOS BETWEEN 23-26 JULY

STAGE EIGHT OCEAN DATA FLIGHTS FROM BRIDGETOWN DURING
PERIOD 26 JULY - 11 AUGUST

DEPART BRIDGETOWN 12 AUGUST.

6. STANDARD INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLANS WILL BE FILED
PRIOR EACH FLIGHT.

7. FOR BRIDGETOWN: PLEASE OBTAIN NECESSARY LANDING
AND STAGING CLEARANCES PLUS ONE WEEK AND ADVISE. PLEASE
ALSO ALERT SEAWELL AERODROME. KISSINGER

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